

# HOUSE BILL 975

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Forest Conservation and**  
3 **Management Program Expenses**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income  
5 tax for certain amounts paid by individuals for certain expenses incurred with  
6 land preservation under the Forest Conservation and Management Program  
7 within the Department of Natural Resources; defining certain terms; providing  
8 for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a Maryland income tax  
9 subtraction modification for certain amounts paid for certain conservation  
10 program–related expenses.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Tax – General  
13 Section 10–208(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Tax – General  
18 Section 10–208(r)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Tax – General**

24 10–208.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (a) In addition to the modification under § 10–207 of this subtitle, the  
2 amounts under this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of a  
3 resident to determine Maryland adjusted gross income.

4           **(R) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**  
5 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

6                   **(2) (I) “QUALIFIED CONSERVATION PROGRAM EXPENSES”**  
7 **MEANS AMOUNTS EXPENDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR**  
8 **RELATED TO AN APPLICATION FOR THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND**  
9 **MANAGEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

10                   **(II) “QUALIFIED CONSERVATION PROGRAM EXPENSES”**  
11 **INCLUDES THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HIRING A PROFESSIONAL LAND**  
12 **SURVEYOR AND THE PREPARATION OF A LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR**  
13 **THE CONSERVED PROPERTY.**

14                   **(3) THE SUBTRACTION ALLOWED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
15 **THIS SECTION INCLUDES UP TO \$500 OF QUALIFIED CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
16 **EXPENSES PAID BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES TO ENTER INTO A FOREST**  
17 **CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
18 **RESOURCES.**

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2012, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31,  
21 2011.